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TAC Minutes, 9/12/2012

Town of Arlington

Transportation Advisory Committee

Minutes of 9/12/12, 7:15 pm to 10:00 pm, Town Hall Annex, Second Floor Conf. Room.

Minutes submitted by Laura Wiener.

Members and Associates Present: Elisabeth Carr-Jones, Wayne Chouinard, Jean Clark, Paul Kent, John Lentz, Jeff Maxtutis, Howard Muise, Scott Smith, Ed Starr, Richard Turcotte, Laura Wiener

Missing Members and Associates: Corey Rateau

Members of the Public Present: none

- Public Comments. None.
- Administration.
 - Minutes of 8/8/12 were approved unanimously.
 - Correspondence and other handouts were reviewed.
- Town reports.
 - Laura (Planning) was asked to check on the status of the newly licensed Liquor Store at 901 Mass. Ave. TAC members hope to review parking in front of building.
 - Wayne went through his written report.
- Elderly Pedestrian Crossing. Wayne received a complaint about inadequate crossing time at Route 60 and Mass. Ave. CLAMP will slightly shorten the crossing distance. Can also look at pedestrian refuge.
- Forest/Brand. Working Group hasn't met yet.
- Wollaston Ave. This is a private way. Can Town require repairs? Wayne to follow up with Mike Rademacher.
- Parking Study. Working Group is looking for \$4000 to do parking counts and turnover in Arlington Center. Voted unanimously to allocate \$2000 from TAC account as part of a match with other Town funds for parking data collection, contingent upon others contributing.
- CLAMP. Laura is getting a plan for showing at Town Day. Working on 25% submittal to MassDOT Highway.
- Bike Pavement Marking Program. Wayne is looking for guidelines re: when to add a bike lane when Town repaves or remarks a street. Scott suggested a Working Group to develop guidelines that includes ABAC members, and checking on MassDOT Design Guidelines. Working Group created—Wayne, Howard, Scott and 1-2 ABAC reps.
- Flag Pilot Program. Elisabeth distributed a list of possible new locations. Chestnut at Medford Street, Ridge at Crosby St., Mass. Ave. @ Orvis/Grafton. Voted unanimously to move ahead with those 3 locations.
- Jason Street cut through traffic. Working Group will start to define the scope of the study area, including how wide an area to study. Will meet with Kevin Greeley before scheduling public meeting.
- Mass/Jason/Mill intersection. Need to meet.

- Schools.
 - Brackett. John met with Safe Routes to School Coordinators. Working on handouts to publicize drop-off areas and walking routes which will also get posted on school website. He will talk to Corey about removing parking space nearest crosswalk.
 - Bishop. Jean would like to be Bishop Safe Routes Coordinator.
 - Peirce. School has 2 new Safe Routes coordinators.
- Mill Street flashing beacon at bike path crossing. Wayne recently met at the site with the project engineer (Brighams). Beacon will be solar powered. A few things are still missing, but installation is expected soon.
- Crosswalk on Ridge at Crosby. Elisabeth received an email regarding safety concerns at the crosswalk on Ridge at Crosby, near the Bishop School. Elisabeth, Jean, Howard and Wayne will collect information for a recommendation of moving the crosswalk to the east side of Crosby Street
- Wildwood at Field Road and Lockland Ave. Wayne brought this to the Committee during the summer when it came in through Request/Answer noting confusing traffic circulation. Howard looked at it and recommended a STOP sign on all approaches to Wildwood and Lockeland intersection, including "All Way Stop" plaques; STOP lines, proper advance warning signs, and removing the existing warning sign. Recommended STOP sign control on both Field Road approaches to Wildwood. Also recommended clearing the vegetation in the traffic island, either trimming back substantially or removing. Voted unanimously.
- Town Day. Discussion of assignments and preparation.
- Adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 pm.

Meeting Materials:

- Meeting Packet for September: Agenda, 9/12/12; Minutes of 8/8/12; Working Group List, 8/8/12; Emails between Elisabeth Carr-Jones and Kara M. Re. Problems at Bishop School crosswalk, dated September 7, 2012; Working Group List, 9/12/12; BoS/ARB Request Status, 9/12/12; Individual Action List from 8/8/12; Status of TAC Approved Actions, 9/12/12; Possible Stuff to have for Town Day 9/15.
- Sign recommendations for Egerton and Herbert Road intersection
- Arlington Transportation Advisory Committee, Field Road and Lockeland Avenue at Wildwood Avenue, Stop Sign Control, September 12, 2012.
- Pavement Management Update, September 4, 2012
- Memo from Wayne Chouinard to TAC dated September 12, 2012